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WAGON TRAIN HEADED WEST - More than a dozen wagons and buggies headed west past Heinsburg's landmark water tower and retired CN caboose as they headed out on the Iron Horse Trail on Tuesday morning on the first leg of their journey to Haying in the '30s in Mallaig, with plans to make stops at the Middle Creek, Lindbergh and Muriel staging areas en route to their first overnight camp in Elk Point. More photos, Page 2. Vicki Brooker photo

Local farms on map for Open Farm Days

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Two local farms are among a long list of farms, agricultural tourism operators and culinary events across the province that are opening their gates to visitors on Aug. 18 and 19 as part of Alberta Open Farm Days. K-Cow Ranch, south of Stoney Lake, and The Fat Ewe Farm Bed and Breakfast, at the junction of Highways 28 and 41, will both participate in the annual event for the first time.

At K-Cow Ranch, where Kevin and Janice Wirsta and their daughters raise purebred Polled Hereford, Charolais and Black Angus cattle, Janice says, "We are welcoming the entire family on both Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., to see first hand where their food is grown and how we care for it. It will be a 'hands on' tour where our guest will have the opportunity to touch and feel the cattle as well as safely feed them."

She noted that there would be lots of photo opportunities with the cattle as well as horses, dogs and cats, as well as samples of beef available to taste and an opportunity to purchase various beef products, "including delicious roasts, fresh ground beef and grilling steaks for the barbecue."

The culinary event component comes into play at K-Cow on Sunday, when the Wirstas will offer a Farm Fresh Bruch prepared by Kevin's sister, Patsy Spacil of PS Catering, featuring roast beef, "fresh out of the garden" vegetables and all the trimmings.

The Wirstas decided to get involved when Kailey

won the opportunity to compete at Senior Provincial 4-H Public speaking in March, speaking on 'Rural and Urban - The Great Divide'. "As she researched her topic, she discovered the many programs that are designed to lessen the gap between farmers and their urban neighbours," Janice says

"She was very passionate about 'Bridging the Gap', which eventually became her speech title. We decided as a family that we should be actively involved in helping to 'Bridge the Gap' and made the commitment that we would become involved in Alberta Open Farm Days."

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Fair entries drop, future uncertain

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

This weekend's Elk Point and District Agricultural Society Horticulture and Craft Show and Quilt Show may be the last of its kind, due to "a general lack of interest," show chair Donna Bassett told her group of dedicated volunteers at last week's final organizational meeting, where plans for the event received a fine tuning.

"I've been watching for four years, and the entry numbers just keep going down," she said, adding, "This was going to be my last one, anyway."

For many years, each agricultural society had to hold a bench fair to receive government grants, Bassett said. That requirement was removed about 10 years ago, but

the society was still required to hold an agriculture-related event in its facility. Now, that is no longer required either.

"We probably didn't need to have a bench fair for the last 10 years, because there were other ag-related events in the A. G. Ross Arena, but things were still rolling along," she noted. With "numbers really down" and the funding that goes toward holding the event needed to keep the arena in operation, Bassett feels that the long-standing event is no longer the big event the community has looked forward to each August for decades.

"So let's make this last one a great one," the committee agreed, as they shared memories of fairs past, when the event was held in the arena when it still had a sand floor,

prior to the installation of artificial ice and cement, and later in both floors of the Elks Hall before moving back to the arena.

The 2018 Horticulture and Craft Show, with free public viewing on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will once again include the quilt show, an art show coordinated by Shirley Kinneberg, a variety of vendors and a barbecue lunch with proceeds going to Elk Point's minor sports groups.

Entry lists and tags are available at the Elk Point Review, Elk Point Municipal Library and the EcoCentre.

Entries will be accepted Saturday, Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the back door of the arena.

Prizes will be awarded Sunday at 4 p.m.

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WAGON TRAIN - The wagon train headed from Heinsburg to Mallaig makes its way past Heinsburg's historic train station on the first day of their 100 km journey. Their first overnight stop was in Elk Point's staging area, shown at left, where the horses rested up for the next leg on Wednesday morning while their owners hauled trailers and motorhomes to the second overnight stop in St. Paul. They would then head west and north to Abilene Junction, before turning on to the west leg of the trail to reach Mallaig and the weekend's Haying in the '30s celebration of the past.

Open Farm Days

(Continued from Front Page)

Janice was also involved with Alberta Country Vacations as a child on her family's farm east of Wainwright. "You might say I was brought up with it, as we hosted many urban guests who visited the farm and saw that milk comes from the cow... rather than the carton!"

As a university student, Janice was part of the Classroom Agriculture Program, and says she "took a 'piece of the farm' into Grade 4 classrooms in the city to give the students an opportunity to touch and feel items from the farm."

The Fat Ewe Farm Bed and Breakfast will be open to the public from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, and is both a working rare breeds permaculture farm, raising various types of sheep, goats, poultry and other livestock as well as organic foods, and the location of an agricultural tourism destination, Moose Hills Inn Bed and Breakfast.

Owner and operator Eileen Wosnack says Open Farm Days is "a chance for locals to get to know their farmers and how they create food. Although The Fat Ewe Farm is a wool farm, the by-product is meat, so we always have grass fed lambs for sale." Visitors that day will have an opportunity to sample some of that home grown lamb as well.

It's definitely a working farm, she says. "The chickens are here to be employed, working to reduce flies and parasitic bugs and worms. The ducks are the fly patrol. Piggy Soo, the piglet, rototills areas to be planted and so on. Everyone has a job."

The Fat Ewe Farm, she notes, "is run in a very old fashioned manner, the way a farm of the early 1900s may have been run, without the use of chemicals and 'made' products, and we strive to be strictly organic. The decision to become involved was to educate those who want to know more about organic farming and why it is important to their own lives."

Other growers and creators are being invited to take part as well, Wosnack says. During Open Farm Days, the farm "will be open to vendors who create or grow products, as part of the experience is to do, not to consume. The vendors can chat with the visitors about the process of creating. With the date approaching soon, this free venue is open to any and all crafters, bakers, blacksmiths, creators and to those who want to connect with the farm and the options offered," Wosnack says.

Now in its sixth year, Alberta Open Farm Days returns as an important ag-tourism event that helps visitors experience and understand where their food comes from. More than 110 host sites and culinary events across Alberta are ready to showcase the province's fast-growing rural tourism sector and everything farm life has to offer.

"Open Farm Days is back for another incredible weekend of delicious food, family friendly entertainment and rural hospitality. The event helps people learn more about where their food comes from and supports rural tourism operators across the province. I encourage everyone to chart a course for rural Alberta and take advantage of this great staycation opportunity," says Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism.

"Alberta has some of the best farmers and food producers in the world. Open Farm Days is a great opportunity for Albertans to support this industry and meet the people who put food on their tables. A strong local food industry creates jobs and connects communities," Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry commented.

Participating host farms will offer educational tours, opportunities to buy locally grown and homemade products, and activities like corn mazes, hayrides and petting zoos. Admission to farms is free, but there may be costs for some activities.

Culinary events will feature top Alberta chefs preparing dishes made from locally grown products. There is a range of costs to participate in these events and space is limited. Be sure to buy tickets ahead of time.

Open Farm Days' new website makes it even easier for people to book tours and culinary events, and plan their trips across the province. Visit albertafarmdays.ca for more information.

Alberta Open Farms Days, which began in 2012, is a collaborative project presented by the Government of Alberta, the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies, the Alberta Culinary Tourism Alliance, Travel Alberta and participating farms and ranches.

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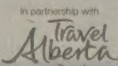
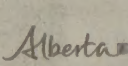
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LICA introduces library's summer readers to airshed awareness



CLEAN AIR AWARE:

A visit from Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) is on Elk Point Municipal Library's Summer Reading Program list almost every year, but this year, instead of the importance of maintaining a healthy watershed, "We're branching out to talk about the airshed," said Julie Jodoin, when she came to the library last week. She introduced the children to the importance of clean air, and the many factors that affect air quality. At left, she demonstrated the effect of greenhouse gases, while at right, after the Wednesday group toured the library grounds, checking out air quality near the street and near the creek, showed how her computer tablet's programs can show air quality in graph form.

Vicki Brooker photos



More lakes added to blue-green algae list

JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

Blue-green algae blooms have now been identified in areas of Lac Santé (southwest of St. Paul), Laurier Lake (east of Elk Point) and Floating Stone Lake (west of Ashmont), Kehewin Lake (north of Elk Point) and Fork Lake (north of St. Lina) according to Alberta Health Services.

Blue-green algae advisories also remain in place for Moose Lake, Stoney Lake, and Vincent Lake, along with a list of other lakes throughout Alberta.

Residents living near the shores of these lakes, as well as visitors to the lakes, are advised to take precautions, such as avoiding all contact with blue-green algae blooms. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.

AHS says people should not swim or wade, or allow pets to swim or wade, in any areas where blue-green algae is visible. Do not feed whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake to your pets.

Limit human consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings from lakes with blue-green algae, as fish may store toxins in their liver. People can safely con-

sume fish fillets from the lakes.

Never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any recreational body of water, at any time. Boiling this water will not remove the toxins produced by blue-green algae. An alternate source of drinking water should be provided for pets and livestock, while advisories are active.

Blue-green algae is naturally occurring, and often becomes visible when weather conditions are calm. Appearing like scum, grass clippings, fuzz or globs on the surface of water, blue-green algae can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown, and/or pinkish-red, and often smell musty or grassy.

Those who come in contact with visible blue-green algae or who ingest water containing blue-green algae may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days.

Weather and wind conditions can cause algae blooms to move from one location in the lake to another. As such, the advisories will remain in effect until further notice.

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EDITORIAL

No more fairs?

The history of Elk Point’s agricultural fairs dates back to 1912, and out history book, Reflections, has an account of the seventh annual fair in 1918, a hundred years ago.

Due to the “pressures of the war (WWI) and the flu,” it was the last one held until 1974, when the A. G. Ross Arena was built, another article in the book states, and fairs resumed after a 56-year gap.

Hopefully, neither another world war nor an epidemic will keep our community from reviving a tradition that has been enjoyed for the past 44 years, at least not for that long, this time around.

STAYING SAFE

#SummerSafety tips for young and distracted drivers

ALBERTA RCMP

The Heritage Day long weekend, when many Albertans hit the roads to enjoy their time off, is over, but increased summer vacation traffic still exists.

The Alberta RCMP reminds all road users, especially young drivers and motorcycle riders, to exercise caution and avoid distractions as #SummerSafety is a shared responsibility. Together, the RCMP and Provincial Sheriffs in Integrated Traffic Units (ITU) fight distracted and aggressive driving to help Canadians drive responsibly.

Practicing simple #SummerSafety tips can help ensure that all road users have a safe and enjoyable summer.

- Always apply the same sensible safety rules to all vehicles, including recreational ones: Drivers and riders alike should wear vehicle-appropriate safety gear such as a seat belt, helmet and jacket.
- Keep your eyes and attention on the road: Avoid distracted behaviour such as talking on a cell phone, texting, reading a book, eating, attending to other passengers or pets and personal grooming. Distracted operation of a vehicle increases the risk of collisions.
- Don’t drink and operate a vehicle or boat: Drinking and driving laws apply equally to the operation of vessels on waterways as they do to motor vehicles on highways. In 2017, there were 18 instances of impaired operation of a boat and three boating collisions in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction.
- Do not adopt aggressive driving habits: Speeding, tailgating, cutting off other drivers, road raging and stunting are behaviours that put you and other road users at risk.

Supt. Rick Gardner, Alberta Traffic Sheriffs, says, “Distracted and aggressive driving are both as dangerous as impaired driving. We remind Albertans, especially young drivers and riders, to always remember that getting behind wheels is a serious responsibility.”

Supt. Gary Graham, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services, adds, “Alberta’s warm seasonal weather brings out motorcycles and other recreational vehicles. Operating any of these conveyances impaired is dangerous and it’s illegal. We will continue to collaborate with the Provincial Traffic Sheriffs, other agencies and our communities to stop impaired driving and riding.”

Alberta RCMP works in conjunction with Alberta Traffic Sheriffs as well as other law enforcement and safety partners on identified enforcement priorities to ensure Albertans make the right #SummerSafety recreational driving and riding decisions. Follow our #SummerSafety tips on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.



Way Back When...

Mural visitors, fur trade families, Queen Storytime, light whacker

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1988

Touring New Democrats, including Vegreville MLA Derek Fox, ND constituency president Victor Chrapko and federal Beaver River ND candidate Brian Luther, studied Elk Point’s history with a tour of the 100-foot mural nearing completion under Billie Milholland’s talented brush. The Brew Jays and the Clandonald Pit Runners won the ‘A’ and ‘B’ sides respectively in a 23-team ball tournament at Whitney Lakes Ball Park.

1993

Four break-and-enters, one of them at the Elk Point Review office, prompted Elk Point RCMP to appear at a special meeting of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, where Cst. Pat Wasylynuk urged businesses to secure their premises and the community to “try to get involved. When you see suspicious vehicles, let us know.” Over 50 descendants of fur traders James Flett and William Flett converged on Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site to walk in their forbears’ footsteps and take part in fur trade fun and games.

1998

Queen Storytime waltzed into Mural Park in a sequined gown, tiara and feather boa and recruited youngsters from the Summer Reading Program audience to act out the parts in her scary tale of a haunted farm. County and trail users were working together on the former rail bed with county council and the Elk Point Historical Society taking a ride down the 34 km stretch from Elk Point to Heinsburg to see its potential as a recreational asset.

2003

It was “all aboard” for Elk Point Community Choir, with 35 choir members and five spouses, relatives and friends as they set off for a concert tour of England, Scotland and Wales. Alberta Minister of Transportation Ed Stelmach told Elk Point town council that he was “of the opinion that we shouldn’t build more roofs, but should make sure the ones we have are maintained,” given the economic situation in Alberta communities.

2008

A rash of vandalism, including incidents involving a late-night “light whacker”, concerned town council, and although he said the curfew bylaw for youths under 16 was “a pretty powerful bylaw,” it would be necessary to watch them, and “we may have to revive Citizens on Patrol.” New trail access to the North Saskatchewan River at Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site protects the archaeology and ecology by using a road that is part of a former oil well site rather than crossing the archeologically sensitive Fort George site and causing ruts that become increasingly eroded over time.

2013

Although it took a while to get started, construction is moving ahead on schedule for the addition to the Elk Point Co-op store, with the structural steel now in place for what St. Paul and District Co-op General Manager Graham Getz says is the “first phase of a 10-phase project.” “Bring in your quilts!” Elk Point Agricultural Society Horticulture and Craft Show chairman and new quilt display coordinator Donna Bassett urged her board at their final planning meeting. “Older quilts, new quilts, big, small and in between. We need them for the show.”

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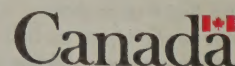
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New hunting regulations will benefit seniors and beginning hunters

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New hunting regulations issued by the Government of Alberta aim to make the sport more affordable for senior citizens.

According to information released last week, the government has slashed prices for hunting licences for seniors. For example, it will now cost \$8.25 for a combination wildlife certificate and bird game permit,

Pharmacists feeling pain of EpiPen shortage

GRANT DEME
With files from Vicki Brooker

A national shortage of EpiPen's has affected St. Paul pharmacies, and it doesn't appear to be getting better any time soon.

The government of Canada announced in April a shortage of EpiPen and EpiPen Jr's that will have pharmacists scrambling and possibly turning away patients that need the device on hand.

An EpiPen is used on patients who are at risk of a life-threatening allergic reaction. They provides the patients with a shot of adrenaline, and are the only auto-injector available in Canada.

The cause of the shortage is a "manufacturing issue," the supplier Pfizer Canada says.

One pharmacist in St. Paul has been feeling the pinch all year. For the past six months, Ahmed Aboelsard has had to turn "10 people" away who were looking to purchase EpiPen's at Catalyst Pharmacy.

"I only have one for adults on the shelf," he said. "I keep it here for emergencies, if someone had any need for it inside the pharmacy." He has no EpiPen Jr's left in the store. "I've ordered many times from the supplier, and have never received any."

The emergency EpiPen expires in December and he hopes the issue is resolved before it's too late.

EpiPens last about a year before they expire. Chances are the inventory issues will not be resolved until September, at the earliest.

Elk Point pharmacies are also suffering from the shortage, with only one EpiPen Jr. left at Guardian Drugs, and two adult EpiPens and two EpiPen Jr's left at Elk Point Pharmacy as of last Friday.

A Health Canada press release says "Pfizer Canada does not expect to be able to provide new supply until the end of August. The company has also advised that, at this time, they continue to be able to supply EpiPen Jr; however, the supply is limited and is being carefully managed at the national level."

"Health Canada continues to work closely with the company, the provinces and territories and stakeholders to help minimize the impact of this shortage on Canadians. We understand the stress that a shortage of a necessary medication can place on patients, families and the health system. We are exploring every option available to the Department with the goal of resolving the situation as soon as possible," read the release.

Trip of the Month winners

COMMUNITY LIONS OF ELK POINT

On July 27, Community Lions of Elk Point held the first draw for the Trip of the Month. This raffle offers one trip and 2 prizes of \$100 every month from July 2018 to June 2019. Money raised funds projects in the Elk Point area.

Winners of the July draw were: Jason Delaurier of Fort McMurray – cruise for 2 to Cuba
Kelly Raymond of Elk Point – \$100
Lawson Squire of Cold Lake – \$100

Community Lions of Elk Point organizes the annual Santas Anonymous campaign, contributes funds to minor sports, supports school programs, provided cash for immediate use to home fire victims, planted flowers downtown, and offered volunteers to United Church Camp Whitney.

which is down from over \$44. It will also cost \$8.25 for a white-tailed deer license, down from \$39.95. Lastly, partner licences for senior Albertan hunters will come in at \$12.

Gerry High of St. Paul Fish & Game supports the fact that seniors will be paying similar to what youth hunters pay for a licence.

"As far as costs go, I think the cost for seniors should be parallel those under 16 (years old)," High said.

A hunting licence for someone aged 12 to 16 costs about \$8.30, according to albertaregulations.com.

According to the press release, Alberta is one of the only places in North America in which hunting continues to increase in popularity. More than 120,000 Albertans purchased a hunting licence last year, up from 110,000 in 2014-15. More than 18,500 hunting licence holders are aged 65 or older.

High estimates about 20 per cent of the St. Paul Fish & Game members are senior hunters.

In addition to the reduced costs, the government is also rolling out a new mentorship program, which allows senior hunters the chance to offer advice and lessons learned to a younger generation of hunters.

The program will be run through Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association (AHEIA).

"Supporting high-quality mentorship programs helps lifelong hunters connect and share their skills with youth who are interested in hunting, but don't know where to start. As Alberta's leader in providing conservation and hunter education programs, AHEIA is excited to expand our partnership with the government to support the next generation of hunters," said AHEIA president Robert Gruszecki in a provincial press release.

The new regulations also include more extensive testing for Chronic Wasting Disease, closely align bear baiting season with hibernation patterns, provide more opportunities for cougar hunting, and increase the number of tags available for elk and deer to help manage populations near settled areas.

"We believe that every generation should be able to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors and share in conserving its wonders forever. Our members are excited to see more opportunities for elk and mule deer in southern Alberta, and we applaud the government for reducing the cost of hunting licences for seniors and encouraging greater partnerships that promote responsible hunting and education to Alberta's youth," former Lethbridge Fish and Game Association president Rick Blakeley said the government press release.

Emergency responders get water rescue equipment

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Fire departments in the area will benefit from the Enbridge Inc. Safe Community program, which awards grants to local first-response emergency services in rural communities across North America.

The Region of St. Paul applied for the grant on behalf of all four local fire departments using a regional approach.

"We were successful in our initiative and received \$9,000 to go towards the purchase of specialized water rescue equipment" says Rob Duffy, Regional Director of Emergency Management. This is

specialized equipment is worn by emergency responders during fall and summer water rescues.

"When you look at the Lakeland area, we've earned that name for a reason. We have numerous lakes and with that comes rescue/response calls" says Duffy. "This equipment keeps responders safe to perform rescues for the public when they need us the most."

Elk Point and Ashmont fire departments each received two full sets of gear, while St. Paul and Mallaig each received one set. If the need arises, and the departments need the support from each other with the gear, they can call on each other for mutual aid and know

they'll be getting trained people with the proper equipment to support one and other, explains Duffy.

The Safe Community grant money is intended to be used to purchase safety equipment, obtain professional training, or deliver educational programs to help save lives and keep Enbridge's right-of-way communities safe.

According to information received from Duffy, Enbridge's Safe Community program has existed in the U.S. since 2002, and in Canada since 2009, and has invested nearly US\$9.6 million (C\$12 million) in North American emergency responder organizations since it was created.

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Kehewin firefighter remembered

ROBYNNE HENRY
Review Contributor

Friendly, hardworking, and a family man. These are just some of the ways Jerry Gadwa will be remembered.

“Jerry’s a unique person in himself. He’s a single father, raising his son on his own, and he’s always been out there working,” explained Jerry’s brother, Raymond Gadwa.

Jerry was a 49-year-old member of the Kehewin Cree Nation. He died unexpectedly on July 26 while battling wildfires in Red Lake, ON. The cause of death has not been released.

Jerry stumbled onto his passion for firefighting 20 years ago, and never looked back.

“One of his passions, firefighting, wasn’t an intended goal at the time. But, he went in to train and do firefighting and he just picked it up from there.”

When he wasn’t battling fires during the summer, Jerry kept himself busy with yard work and raising his 10-year-old son, Jeramy.

“One of his passions was making sure his son gets what he needs and gets a good education. He’s always supported school activities, making donations for his son, and getting bake sales and what not for him to participate in,” Gadwa detailed.

One of 12 siblings, Jerry was a quiet person with a lot of friends. He’s described as someone who was easy to get along with.

“Jerry was a good man, he had a good attitude on him. He loved his nieces and nephews, he loved his son... He provided for him, and he was a real good father,” said long-time friend and fellow firefighter, Everett Stone. “I’ve known Jerry for almost 20 years. I had moved out to Alberta back in 1995 and I’ve known him since. I was a firefighter along with him from 2003, but he was a firefighter years before I ever started.”

Having lived in Kehewin his entire life, Jerry has left a lasting memory in the com-

munity. Residents have come together during a time of grieving to help one another.

Stone said, “He was well-known by everybody in the community. He kind of kept to himself on the reserve, but he had a lot of friends from all over. It’s sad for everybody that he’s gone... Everybody’s taking it hard.”

Jerry was assisting with fire suppression, along with crews from Ontario and Mexico, on the fire being called Parry Sound 33, in northern Ontario. The fire grew to 10,000 hectares as of July 31.

He was a part of a firefighting company run by Goodfish Lake First Nation that has a contract to provide firefighters to the Government of Alberta. Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) Chief Brian McEvoy said the province made 400 firefighters available to help when the Ontario resources were overwhelmed.

This wasn’t the first time Jerry had gone out of province to help his fellow firefighters, and Stone said he was excited to go to Ontario.

“We did a lot of firefighting together, and he was good. He stayed professional, and he was a crew father. He was the main guy on the crew on any crew he got on. I spoke to him before he left for Ontario; he looked good and healthy.”

Gadwa noted that Jerry was dedicated to firefighting.

“When I did go down and talk to him, Jerry was always talking about his next trip out to fight fires and talking about the fires. That was his passion, and he’s always looked forward to going out right away. The only thing he didn’t like was leaving his son for 10 to 20 days at a time to a caregiver until he got back.”

Kehewin Cree Nation Chief Brenda Vanguard said the tight-knit community has come together to cope with the news, and the impact is felt by everybody.

“An unexpected death like that has everybody devastated, mostly the family members. Everybody is saddened by his sudden passing, and there’s been a lot of support coming in.”

Ontario firefighters paid tribute to Jerry following his death, by forming a procession to the airport when his body was being transported back to Alberta.

McEvoy said the BRFA arranged to escort Jerry when he returned home.

“When Jerry was returned from Ontario, he went to a local funeral home and we arranged with the Kehewin community to escort him out to Kehewin for the wake. We escorted him out with fire trucks from the funeral home to the community centre in Kehewin to start the wake,” said McEvoy.

He added that firefighters from the St. Paul, Cold Lake, and Ashmont fire departments, along with representatives from the Government of Alberta, and Alberta and Ontario agricultural and forestry departments attended the funeral on Thursday, August 2.

McEvoy said the Bonnyville and Kehewin fire departments have worked closely together in the past, and the death of one of their own isn’t just being felt locally.

“Anytime a firefighter dies in the line of duty, it impacts the fire services across Canada.”

A GoFundMe page was started by one of Jerry’s nieces to raise funds for his son. So far, it has raised over \$3,000.

“When we were planning his funeral, we all had different roles, and one of my nieces had the role to set-up (a GoFundMe page) to see what we could do for him,” Gadwa explained.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford took to social media to express his condolences to the Gadwa family, and thanked him for his services on behalf of the province’s residents.

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said in a press release, “As Albertans, we know all too well the sacrifices of our firefighters and first responders. On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I want to offer our deepest condolences and support to the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Gadwa.”

Announcements

**WALKER,
Patricia**



On July 28, 2018, Mrs. Patricia Walker of Elk Point passed away at the age of 49 years. She is survived by her husband, Lyle Walker; 3 sons; Kent (Courtney) Crawford, Levi Walker & Eric Walker; grandchild, Avaleeh Ferris; loving mother, Linda (Bob) Wilson; brother, Justin (Jennifer) Crawford; niece, Sydnee; nephew, Gunner; grandmother, Elizabeth Veroba; numerous aunts, uncles & cousins. Patricia was predeceased by her 2 sons, Kyle & Gabriel & grandfather, Gilbert Veroba. A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, August 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Allied Arts Centre, Elk Point with Reverend Duane Grant officiating. Cremation has taken place with inurnment to be held at a later date in Dewberry Cemetery, Dewberry. If desired, donations may be made to 2nd Chance Trail Ride c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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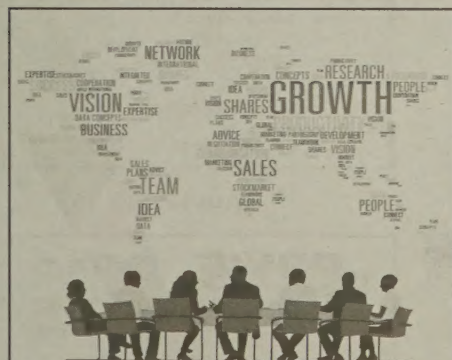
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